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Non-Availability of Spares for Dhruva
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-availability of spares is affecting operations of Advance Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruva;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government / Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has taken steps for producing enough spares to enable smooth operations of the ALH, Dhruva;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has issued any direction to HAL in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Defence Services have a system in place for management of spares to ensure the operations of Advance Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv.
HAL supplies necessary spares to each service, as per the mutually agreed scaling at the time of delivery of new helicopters as Manufacturer Recommended List of Spares (MRLS). In addition, the services procure required spares from HAL by placing Repair Maintenance Supply Orders (RMSOs).

Further, Squadrons/Units of Defence Services raise AoG (Aircraft on Ground) demand for any un-anticipated parts/spares and HAL ensures the supply against such demands so as to ensure smooth operations.

(c) to (e): I and II Level Maintenance Spares are planned in terms of RMSOs for maintenance of their fleet by Defence Services. HAL supplies these items on receipt of RMSOs from Defence Services.
HAL supports III and IV Level maintenance based on the firm and forecast task received well in advance from the Defence Services.
Well laid procedure exist in Defence Services for both capital and revenue items procurement.

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